GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS - FD- Disciplinary action against Sri Ch.N.K.Lingam, FBO, (Retd), formerly worked in WLM Beat, Polavaram of Wildlife Range, Rampachodavaram of Wildlife Management Division of Rajamahendravaram –Departmental Proceedings Under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules 1991-AoC issued- Findings of the Inquiry Officer communicated – Further defense received- Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs.79,381/- – Show Cause Notice issued– Final Orders -Issued

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 23 Dated: 05-03-2018.
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF Lr. Rc. No. 5497/2017/A&DC-2, dt. 29.05.2017.
2. G.M. No. 2408/Sec.IV/A1/2017, dt. 11.07.2017.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 5497/2017/A&DC-2, dt. 11.09.2017.
4. G.M. No. 2408/Sec.IV/A1/2017, dt. 20.12.2017.
5. From Sri Ch.N.K. Lingam, FBO(Retd), Lr. dt. 08.01.2018.
6. Govt. Lr. No. 2408/Sec.IV/A1/2017, dt. 22.01.2018.
7. From the APPSC, Lr. No. 77/DC&C/2018, dt. 17.02.2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri Ch.N.K. Lingam, Forest Beat Officer(retd), when he was working as FBO, WLM Beat, Polavaram of Wildlife Range, Rampachodavaram of Wildlife Management Division of Rajamahendravaram, by the Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru vide Rc. No. 4176/2011/S2, dt. 7.1.2014, under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules 1991 on the following count:

Article: "That he had exhibited gross negligence of duty in recording M.Book resulting in irregularities and caused misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.1,58,762-00(Rupees One lakh fifty eight thousand seven hundered and sixty two only) in execution of works in the E.D.Cs of Wildlife Management, Polavaram Section of Wildlife Management Range Rampachodavaram".

2. The Charged Officer submitted his written defence statement on 08.09.2014 and the Divisional Forest Officer (T), Eluru has appointed the Divisional Forest Officer, WLM Eluru as Inquiry Authority vide Rc. No. 4176/2011/S2, dt. 25.06.2014, for conducting regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer has completed the Inquiry and submitted the findings, vide Rc. No. 371/2016/DM, dt. 31.12.2016, in which he concluded that the charge framed against Sri Ch.N.K.Lingam, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.) is proved, but might have happened due to his inexperience. In the case, the Charged Officer is responsible for 50% of the loss, i.e., Rs.79,381/- and is to be recovered from him besides punishment.

4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide DFO, Eluru Rc. No. 4176/2011/S2, dt. 20.02.2017 and called for his further defence if any. The Charged Officer has submitted his further defence statement dated 20.02.2017.

5. The Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2014. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and the material made available, the department has taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year besides recovery of Rs.79,381/- from Sri Ch.N.K.Lingam, Forest Beat Officer(Retd), in the disciplinary case.

7. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Charged Officer Sri Ch.N.K. Lingam, FBO(Retd) has agreed to the provisional decision of the Government vide reference 5th read above.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs.79,381/- against the retired Charged Officer Sri Ch.N.K. Lingam, FBO(Retd), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur
(with original record Rc. No. 4176/2011/S2)
The Individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, (with ref. to Lr.No.77/DC&C/2018, dt.19.02.2018).
Sf./Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER